

Saints Peter & Paul Orthodox Catholic Church

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Welcome to Ss. Peter and Paul's Church of Bayonne, N.J. Our church was founded in 1922 and is a parish of the Orthodox Church in America. We hope that you enjoyed your visit today and, if you are searching for a new spiritual home, we would love for you to become a member of our parish family. To our parishioners here today, thank you for your ongoing participation in our church's worship and ministry.

June 23, 2019 – 1st Sunday after Pentecost: All Saints Sunday (Tone 8)

Today's Saints

Nativity of St. John the Baptist [transferred from June 24); Martyr Agrippina of Rome; Martyrs Eustochius, Gaius, Probus, Lollia, and Urban of Ancyra; Martyr Felix the Presbyter, of Sutri; Martyr John the Presbyter, of Rome; St. Etheldreda, Princess of East Anglia, Abbess of Ely; Martyrs Aristocleus the Presbyter, Demetrian the Deacon, and Athanasius the Reader, of Cyprus; St. Hidulf, Count of Hainault; St. James, Bishop of Toul; St. Moelray, Abbot of Nendrum; St. Artemius of Verkola; 2nd translation of relics of St. Herman, Archbishop of Kazan

Today's Services

5:00 PM (Saturday) – Great Vespers

9:00 AM (Sunday) – Divine Liturgy

After Liturgy – Parastas in memory of reposed R.B.O. Lodge #100 members

Today's Divine Liturgy Variables

See Bulletin Insert for today's Bible readings and other Liturgy variables.

Today's Special Offerings

Sanctuary Lamp offered by John and Helen Wanko in memory of Anastasia Grudinoff (anniversary of birth). **St. John's Cross** offered by the Pirniak Family in memory of Anna Pirniak (anniversary of repose). **St. Nicholas' Cross** offered by the Pirniak Family in memory of Joseph Pirniak (anniversary of repose).

Announcements & Events

- See bulletin board for information on two pilgrimages with Archbishop Michael.
- Today's "Social Hour," in the church hall after Divine Liturgy, is sponsored by the R.B.O. Lodge #100.

Upcoming Services

June 28-29, 2019 (Ss. Peter & Paul)

6:00 PM (Friday) – Great Vespers w. Lity

9:00 AM (Saturday) – Divine Liturgy

June 29-30, 2019 (Next Weekend)

5:00 PM (Saturday) – Great Vespers

9:00 AM (Sunday) – Divine Liturgy

Geddes MacGregor in The Rhythm of God tells of a priest who, when asked, "How many people were at the early celebration of the Eucharist last Wednesday morning?" replied, "There were three old ladies, the janitor, several thousand archangels, a large number of seraphim, and several million of the triumphant saints of God." MacGregor comments, "Such a 'cloud of witnesses' answers a deep human urge to be part of something larger, to not stand alone, to give our little lives meaning. One drop of water, left alone, evaporates quickly. But one drop of water in the immense sea endures."

Geddes MacGregor (b. November 13, 1909) is Professor Emeritus of Philosophy at the University of Southern California in Los Angeles, California.

Divine Liturgy Variables for Sunday, June 23, 2019
Tone 8 / First Sunday After Pentecost (All Saints)

RESURRECTIONAL TROPARION IN TONE EIGHT

Thou didst descend from on high, O Merciful One! Thou didst accept the three day burial to free us from our sufferings! O Lord our Life and Resurrection, glory to Thee!

TROPARION OF ALL SAINTS IN TONE FOUR

As with fine porphyry and royal purple, / Thy church has been adorned with Thy martyrs' blood shed throughout all the world. / She cries to Thee, O Christ God: / Send down Thy bounties on Thy people, / Grant peace to Thy habitation, and great mercy to our souls!

TROPARION OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST'S NATIVITY IN TONE FOUR

Prophet and Forerunner of the coming of Christ, / although we cannot praise thee worthily, / we honor thee in love at thy nativity, / for by it thou hast ended thy father's silence and thy mother's barrenness, / proclaiming to the world the incarnation of the Son of God!

- *Now sing the troparion of Ss. Peter and Paul*
- *Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:*

KONTAKION OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST'S NATIVITY IN TONE THREE

Today the formerly barren woman gives birth to Christ's Forerunner, / who is the fulfillment of every prophecy; / for in the Jordan, / when he laid his hand on the One foretold by the prophets, / he was revealed as Prophet, Herald, and Forerunner of God the Word.

- *Both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

KONTAKION OF ALL SAINTS IN TONE EIGHT

The universe offers Thee the God-bearing martyrs, / As the first fruits of creation, O Lord and Creator. / Through the Theotokos, and their prayers establish Thy Church in peace!

PROKEIMENON IN TONE EIGHT

Pray and make your vows before the Lord, our God!
v. In Judah God is known; His name is great in Israel.

Prokeimenon in Tone Seven: The righteous shall rejoice in the Lord and shall hope in Him.

THE EPISTLE

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Hebrews. (11:33-12:2)

Brethren, all the saints through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, received promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, so that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and scourging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were tempted, they were killed with the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, ill-treated—of whom the world was not worthy—wandering over deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth. And all these, though well attested by their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had foreseen something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfection of our faith.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Romans. (13:11-14:4)

Brethren, besides this you know what hour it is, how it is full time now for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed; the night is far gone, the day is at hand. Let us then cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us conduct ourselves becomingly as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires. As for the man who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not for disputes over opinions. One believes he may eat anything, while the weak man eats

only vegetables. Let not him who eats despise him who abstains, and let not him who abstains pass judgment on him who eats; for God has welcomed him. Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Master is able to make him stand.

ALLELUIA IN TONE FOUR

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

v. The righteous cried and the Lord heard them and delivered them out of all their troubles.

v. Many are the afflictions of the righteous; the Lord will deliver them out of them all.

v. Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for He has visited and redeemed His people.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. (10:32-33, 37-38, 19:27-30)

The Lord said to His disciples, "Everyone who acknowledges Me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father Who is in heaven; but whoever denies Me before men, I also will deny before My Father Who is in heaven. He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me; and he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me; and he who does not take his cross and follow Me is not worthy of Me." Then Peter said in reply, "Lo, we have left everything and followed Thee. What then shall we have?" Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, in the New World, when the Son of Man shall sit on His glorious throne, you who have followed Me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And every one who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My Name's sake, will receive a hundredfold, and inherit eternal life. But many that are first will be last, and the last first."

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (1:5-25, 57-68, 76, 80)

In the days of Herod, king of Judea, there was a priest named Zechariah, of the division of Abijah; and he had a wife of the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. And they were both righteous before God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless. But they had no child, because Elizabeth was barren, and both were advanced in years. Now while he was serving as priest before God when his division was on duty, according to the custom of the priesthood, it fell to him by lot to enter the temple of the Lord and burn incense. And the whole multitude of the people were praying outside at the hour of incense. And there appeared to him

an angel of the Lord standing on the right side of the altar of incense. And Zechariah was troubled when he saw him, and fear fell upon him. But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer is heard, and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall call his name John. And you will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth; for he will be great before the Lord, and he shall drink no wine nor strong drink, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother's womb. And he will turn many of the sons of Israel to the Lord their God, and he will go before him in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready for the Lord a people prepared." And Zechariah said to the angel, "How shall I know this? For I am an old man, and my wife is advanced in years." And the angel answered him, "I am Gabriel, who stand in the presence of God; and I was sent to speak to you, and to bring you this good news. And behold, you will be silent and unable to speak until the day that these things come to pass, because you did not believe my words, which will be fulfilled in their time." And the people were waiting for Zechariah, and they wondered at his delay in the temple. And when he came out, he could not speak to them, and they perceived that he had seen a vision in the temple; and he made signs to them and remained dumb. And when his time of service was ended, he went to his home. After these days his wife Elizabeth conceived, and for five months she hid herself, saying, "Thus the Lord has done to me in the days when he looked on me, to take away my reproach among men." Now the time came for Elizabeth to be delivered, and she gave birth to a son. And her neighbors and kinsfolk heard that the Lord had shown great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her. And on the eighth day they came to circumcise the child; and they would have named him Zechariah after his father, but his mother said, "Not so; he shall be called John." And they said to her, "None of your kindred is called by this name." And they made signs to his father, inquiring what he would have him called. And he asked for a writing tablet, and wrote, "His name is John." And they all marveled. And immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue loosed, and he spoke, blessing God. And fear came on all their neighbors. And all these things were talked about through all the hill country of Judea; and all who heard them laid them up in their hearts, saying, "What then will this child be?" For the hand of the Lord was with him. And his father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit, and prophesied, saying, "Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has visited and redeemed his people, and you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways." And the child grew and became strong in spirit, and he was in the wilderness till the day of his manifestation to Israel.

COMMUNION HYMNS

Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest! Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous, praise befits the upright! The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance; he shall not fear evil tidings. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!